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SUBJECT: US/USSR HOT LINE

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 4 FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY NAEHER FROM DR. V. MINASHIN, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: REFERRING TO YOUR LETTERS OF OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 3 DELIVERED TO ME THROUGH THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING:

THE QUESTION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING THE SOVIET EARTH STATION FUNCTIONING IN THE INTELSAT SYSTEM TO OTHER POINTS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN RAISED BY US MORE THAN ONCE, BEGINNING WITH THAT TIME IN 1973 WHEN I MENTIONED IT TO YOU IN A CONVERSATION DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW. IN 1975, IN LETTERS DATED JUNE 30, JULY 14, AND OCTOBER 23, WE INFORMED THE AMERICAN SIDE OF OUR INTENTION TO TRANSFER CHANNEL TGP-4 FROM EARTH STATION "MOSCOW" TO THE "L'VOV" STATION IN ORDER THAT THIS STATION WOULD BE THE BASIC STATION FOR CHANNEL TGP-4. WE HAVE NO DOUBTS ABOUT THE RELIABILITY OF THE "L'VOV" STATION AS IT HAS BEEN FURNISHED WITH NEW SCPC EQUIPMENT FROM ITT, WHICH AS THE TESTS CONDUCTED BETWEEN THE "L'VOV" AND ETAM" STATIONS SHOWED, FUNCTIONS VERY RELIABLY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTEREST YOU HAVE SHOWN, I
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WOULD LIKE TO RELATE THE FOLLOWING AS SUPPLEMENTAL

INFORMATION. THE "MOSCOW" STATION IS NOW SHUT DOWN
IN ORDER TO COMPLETE REPAIR WORK ON ITS ANTENNAE
SYSTEM. CORRECTION OF THE DEFECTS REQUIRES A
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. MOREOVER, AS I HAVE
ALREADY ADVISED, THE OLD SCPC EQUIPMENT HAS PRODUCTION
DEFECTS WHOSE CORRECTION REQUIRES US TO RETURN IT TO
THE FIRM IMMEDIATELY.

AFTER COMPLETION OF ALL THE WORK, IT IS ENVISAGED
THAT STATION "MOSCOW" WILL BE USED IN OUR NATIONAL NET-
WORK OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. THE REPAIRED SCPA
EQUIPMENT WILL BE RE-INSTALLED IN THAT STATION AFTER
IT IS RETURNED FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 1976. THE
MOSCOW STATION WILL THEN BECOME A RESERVE STATION FOR
CHANNEL TGP-4 AND WILL OPERATE IN THE INTELSAT SYSTEM
DURING A PERIOD OF REPAIR WORK OR OF NECESSARY
CESSATIONS OF THE "L'VOV" STATION. THIS WILL PERMIT
INCREASING THE RELIABILITY OF OPERATION OF CHANNEL
TGP-4. THE DEPENDABILITY OF COMMUNICATION BY GROUND
CONNECTING LINES BETWEEN L'VOV AND MOSCOW IS COM-
PLETED ASSURED AND DOES NOT RAISE ANY DOBUTS.

ANOTHER REASON FOR THE TRANSFER OF CHANNEL TGP-4 TO THE
"L'VOV" STATION, BESIDES THE NECESSITY FOR REPAIR
WORK ON THE "MOSCOW" STATION, IS THAT THE INTELSAT
SPUTNIK OF THE ATLANTIC REGION THROUGH WHICH CHANNEL
TGP-4 IS ORGANIZED, IS VISIBLE FROM OUR EARTH STATION
"MOSCOW" UNDER MAXIMUM LOW ANGLES SO THAT UNDER POOR
METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS IT COULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO A
WORSENING OF THE QUALITY INDICES OF THE CHANNEL.

THE LOCATION OF THE EARTH STATION AT L'VOV WILL PERMIT
WORK THROUGH THE INTELSAT SPUTNIK WITH THE MAXIMUM
ANGLE POSSIBLE FOR ANY POSITION WITHIN THE TERRITORY
OF THE USSR AND WILL INCREASE THE RELIABILITY OF THE
CHANNEL.

FROM OUR SIDE, I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT ON OCTOBER 31
OF THIS YEAR, WE WERE INFORMED BY INTELSAT OF THE
TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE TRAFFIC OF CHANNELS SCPC AND
SPADEF FROM STATION "ETAM-1" TO "ETAM-2". WE UNDER-
STAND THAT CHANNEL TGP-4 ALSO WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO
STATION "ETAM-2". UP UNTIL NOW WE HAVE NOT BEEN
INFORMED OF THIS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AS PROVIDED
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FOR BY THE APPENDIX TO POINT 6 OF THE PROTOCOL OF
SEPTEMBER 11, 1972.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, WE PROPOSE A REVISION
OF POINT 15 OF THE PROTOCOL OF DECEMBER 10, 1973 TO
INDICATE THE FOLLOWING: INTELSAT SYSTEM: USSR STATIONS
"L'VOV", "MOSCOW" (AND CONTINUING ACCORDING TO THE
TEXT).
FOR A MORE COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATION REGARD-

ING IMPROVEMENT OF THE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINE
ACROSS ISZ, WE ON OUR SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOLD
A MEETING WITH YOU, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE IN MOSCOW
AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO YOU.
WITH BEST WISHES, END TEXT
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